

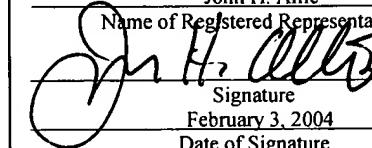


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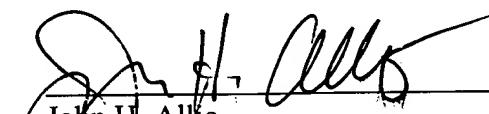
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice mailed January 21, 2004, the Applicant's Representative submits herewith a copy of the text of all claims, including the withdrawn claims 1-9 that were omitted in the response filed November 28, 2003. It is believed that no fees are due with the response; however, if any fees are due, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 23-3030.

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